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SUBJECT: MANAGING DIRECTOR NAMED FOR NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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1. DAILY TIMES OF JULY 7, 1977 CARRIED SMALL ARTICLE BURIED ON  
PAGE 22 ANNOUNCING THAT F.R.A. MARINHO, NIGERIAN DELEGATE TO  
OPEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES (DPR)  
IN FORMER MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES (MPR), HAS BEEN APPOINTED  
FIRST MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NEWLY CONSTITUTED NIGERIAN NATIONAL  
PETROLEUM CORPORATION (NNPC), PARASTATAL ORGANIZATION WHICH ABSORBED  
AND REPLACED BOTH MPR AND OLD NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM

CORPORATION (NNPC).

2. DAILY TIMES ARTICLE ALSO SAYS CHIEF M.O. FEYIDE, WHO COMPLETED TOUR AS OPEC SECRETARY GENERAL THIS PAST DECEMBER AND WHO HAD BEEN MARINHO'S PREDECESSOR AS DPR, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS HEAD OF PETROLEUMSINSPECTORATE DEPARTMENT WITHIN NNPC. INSPECTORATE OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY OF NNPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD REPORTS DIRECTLY TO NNPC CHAIRMAN, COLONEL BUHARI. INSPECTORATE OVERSEES ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, REFINING, STORAGE, MAKRETING AND DISTRIBUTION, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PETROLEUM LAWS.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARINHO'S APPOINTMENT CAME AS SURPRISE EVEN TO NIGERIANS FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL OIL POLITICS. BETTING HAD BEEN THAT FEYIDE WAS LOGICAL MAN FOR THE POST AND WOULD FAIL TO GET IT ONLY IF CURRENT PERMANENT SECRETARY AWONIYI DECIDED TO STAY ON RATHER THAN RETIRE LATER THIS YEAR AS EXPECTED. HOWEVER, IT MAY WELL BE THAT AS HEAD OF INSPECTORATE FEYIDE WILL HAVE AS MUCH TO DO WITH PETROLEUM POLICY AS MANAGING DIRECTOR, WHO LIKELY TO BE SADDLED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS IS SOMETHING MARINHO HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH IN PAST TWO YEARS AND IS THEREFORE QUALIFIED TOSTACKLE, WHILE FEYIDE MAY BE ANXIOUS TO AVOID GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN IT. FURTHERMORE, HEAD OF INSPECTORATE, UNLIKE HEADS OF OTHER NNPC DEPARTMENTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTS DIRECTLY TO CHAIRMAN BUHARI, THUS SIDESTEPPING EMBRASSING QUESTION OF WHETHER FEYIDE SUBORDINATE TO MARINHO.  
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